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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We, the subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Troy, submit the following report :

Amount of money expended by the several Highway Surveyors for repair of highways, for the year 1874 : —

Dist. No. 1, Barrett Ripley,	Surveyor,	65 52
Dist. No. 2, Edwin Buttrick,	"	78 90
Dist. No. 3, Abel W. Baker,	"	76 82
Dist. No. 4, David W. Farrar,	"	39 08
Dist. No. 5, Leonard Farrar,	"	32 70
Dist. No. 7, Edward Bemis,	"	125 55
Dist. No. 8, Gregory Lawrence,	"	41 10
Dist's No. 10 and 15, Daniel J. Fife,	"	86 30
Dist's No. 11, 12, 13, and 14, Wm. N. Watson,		304 10
Dist. No. 16, Lovel P. Butler,	"	25 37
Dist's No. 17 and 18, Alva S. Clark,	"	93 60
Dist. No. 19, Franklin Whitcomb,	"	32 68
Paid Frank Harvey for work in Dist. 16,		50 00
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		\$1051 72

EXPENDED BY DIRECTION OF SELECTMEN.

By Alva S. Clark,	\$89 59
George W. Randall,	69 35
William N. Watson,	131 45
Martin P. Stone, work,	7 60
Willard White, work,	16 50
Horace Merrifield, work,	25 52
Luther Whittemore, furnished stone for roads,	4 00
John A. Kendall, work,	28 80
Thomas Wright, stringers for bridge,	1 04
A. C. Upham, for repairing tools,	4 98
Abel J. Burpee, work,	4 40
George Damon, work,	4 03
Elijah Bowker, work,	12 47
James Edwards, work,	15 80
Amos Baker, work,	9 45
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	\$424 98

AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR SCHOOLS IN 1874.

Assessed for the year 1874,	\$800 00
Dog tax for 1873-'74,	170 00
Literary fund from the State,	126 00
Interest on School fund note,	24 00
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	\$1,120 00

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1874.

Dist. No. 1, Danverse C. Fassett,	Com.	\$391 09
Dist. No. 2, Asa C. Dort,	"	258 80
Dist. No. 3, Edmund Bemis,	"	137 22
Dist. No. 4, Thos. Tolman,	"	135 09
Dist. No. 5, Daniel J. Fife,	"	106 80
Dist. No. 6, Chas. D. Clark,	"	90 98
Dist. No. 7, George Damon, School Tax Fitzwilliam,		2 11
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		\$1,122 09

AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLING IN 1874.

Dist. No. 1, Danverse C. Fassett,	Com.	\$391 09
Dist. No. 2, Asa C. Dort,	"	258 80
Dist. No. 3, Edmund Bemis,	"	137 22
Dist. No. 4, Thos. Tolman,	"	144 09
Dist. No. 5, Daniel J. Fife,	"	87 00
Dist. No. 6, Charles D. Clark,	"	90 98
George Damon, School Tax,		2 11
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		\$1,111 29

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax for the year 1874,	\$944 00
County Tax for the year 1874,	602 29
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	\$1,546 29

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid A. M. Forristall for services of engine men,	\$84 50
E. Buttrick for badges, wood, etc., for Engine Co.	16 50
G. W. Brown for ladders	15 00
C. E. and G. F. Kimball for oil	60
E. Buttrick wood furnished	3 75
E. Buttrick for 1 stove for engine room,	10 50
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	\$130 85

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Joseph Alexander,	Taxes assessed in	1873,	\$2 14
James Hunter,	" "	1873,	1 36
James Hunter,	" "	1874,	1 67
William Reed,	" "	1874,	1 67
Joseph Alexander,	Poll Tax assessed in	1874,	1 67
Abel W. Baker, Jr.,	" " "	1874,	1 67
George W. Baker,	" " "	1874,	1 67
Charles Sommers,	" " "	1874,	1 67
Eugene O. Blanding,	" " "	1874,	1 67

\$25 19

TOWN OFFICERS' PAY FOR 1874.

Edwin Buttrick,	as Auditor,	\$2 00
Leonard Farrar,	"	2 00
David W. Farrar,	for 1872,	2 00
Barrett Ripley,	services as Treasurer,	15 00
Jonathan S. Herrick,	Superintending School Com.,	28 00
Leonard Farrar,	" "	25 00
Edmund Bemis,	services as Selectman for 1873,	63 00
Alva S. Clark,	" " "	60 00
William N. Watson,	" " "	76 00
Augustus Hodgkins,	Town Clerk, "	20 00

\$293 00

SUPPORT OF POOR FROM MARCH 1, 1874, TO MARCH 1, 1875.

Paid Susy J. Oaks for boarding A. Oaks,	\$218 57
Silas Cummings, medical attendance,	9 00
Mrs. Mary Kendall for boarding Jos. Kendall,	148 40
Alva S. Clark for entertaining transient paupers,	14 00
Ranson Ingals for boarding Porter White,	275 00
Levi Merrifield for boarding C. Alexander,	140 25
Mrs. M. M. Whittimore for boarding H. Putney	104 00
Wm. N. Watson, entertaining transient paupers,	12 00
Chas. W. Whitney, goods for Joel Oaks,	13 00
" " Porter White,	4 10
" " Jas. Alexander,	12 44
C. E. and G. F. Kimball, goods for C. Alexander and P. White,	6 84
Stilman Taylor, house rent for Jas. Alexander,	40 00
Chas. H. Gove for entertaining transient paupers,	3 75
Mrs. Maria Farnum,	15 75
Daniel J. Fife,	2 25

Paid Funeral charges for Porter White,	\$23 27
E. Starkey for going for physician to Fitzwilliam,	1 25
Geo W. Randall, paid and entertaining transient paupers,	5 43
Ballou & Bogden for meat for Joel Oaks,	2 93
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	\$1,052 25

BREAKING ROADS IN WINTER OF 1873, '74, AND '75.

Paid Mrs. Cemira Avery, breaking roads,	\$2 20
William N. Watson,	11 50
Lovel P. Butler,	5 90
Lyman T. Clark,	4 80
Franklin Whitcomb,	1 80
Luke C. Clark,	2 80
John D. Hale,	3 60
Barrett Ripley,	7 50
Ezekiel Starkey,	1 00
George W. Randall,	2 85
David P. Low,	4 30
Leonard Farrar,	4 60
E. Buttrick & Co.,	1 00
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	\$53 85

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Paid Maria Wheeler, endorsement on note,	\$173 00
George Stowell,	100 00
Five Cent Savings Bank, Keene, int. on note,	73 50
Thomas Wright, interest on three notes,	60 00
Polly Amidon, endorsement on note,	25 00
Monadnock Savings Bank, Jaffrey, int. on note,	70 60
Five Cent Savings Bank, Keene, int. on note,	73 50
Nancy B. Wheeler, part note and interest,	38 45
Interest on School Fund note,	24 00
Interest paid Cheshire Provident Institution,	30 00
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	\$668 05

SUNDRIES PAID.

Paid for printing Town Report,	\$24 00
Silas Cummings, Record of Births,	3 00
E. H. Streeter for printing Tax Bills,	1 45
Wheeler & Faulkner, to settle indictment on road,	26 58
G. W. Randall, selectman, while making taxes,	17 00
G. W. Randall, moving brick, car fare and stationery,	8 44

Paid Wm. N. Watson, Record Book and stationery,	\$13 77
Mrs. John Liberty, damage on highway,	15 00
Edwin Buttrick, wood for Town Hall for 1874,	12 25
George W. Brown, watering trough,	2 00
E. P. Kimball, telegraph desp., powder and fuse,	2 96
William N. Watson, stationery, car fare, etc.,	1 37
Wm. A. Harris, sexton services for 1874,	31 72
Chas. W. Whitney, powder and fuse,	1 35
Barrett Ripley, work on culvert,	67 86
Luther Whittemore, stone for culvert,	12 00
Alva S. Clark, work on Whitcomb Penstock,	14 40
Wm. N. Watson, " " "	18 10
Geo. W. Randall, " " "	6 60
Cheshire R. R. for ties for Penstock,	17 75
Gates & Stanley, work on common,	50 00
For reservoir near Thos. Wright's,	85 31
For railing, poles, stringers, etc.,	126 90
Bills on New Cemetery,	1142 61
Jonas Bemis, part pay for collecting taxes, 1873,	15 81
Chas. H. Gove, collecting balance taxes, 1873,	4 00

\$1722 23

RECAPITULATION.

Schooling,	\$1,111 29
State and County tax,	1546 29
Town officers' bills,	293 00
Support of poor,	1,052 25
Fire department,	130 85
Highways and bridges,	1,476 70
Abatement of taxes,	25 19
Breaking of roads,	53 85
Notes and interest paid,	668 05
Sundries,	1,722 23

\$8,079 70

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1874,	Asa C. Dort, Town Treasurer, Dr.	
Mar. 1,	Cash in treasury,	\$161 58
	School fund Note signed by Selectmen,	400 00
	Taxes in hands of Jonas Bemis, Collector in 1873,	149 21
Apr. 8,	Cash rec'd of County for support of paupers,	142 25
" 10,	Interest on taxes in 1873,	1 79
" 25,	Taxes assessed in the year 1874,	6,002 22
" 27,	Interest on taxes in 1873,	2 33
July 7,	Cash borrowed of Monadnock Savings Bank, R. affrey,	2,000 00
Sept. 7,	Received B. Ripley, taxes remaining in his hands from 1867,	53 17
" 26,	Cash borrowed of Ruth Haskell,	119 11
Oct. 22,	Cash rec'd from County for support of paupers,	98 59
Nov. 16,	Savings Bank tax from the State,	709 46
" 16,	Railroad tax from the State,	139 09
" 16,	Literary fund from the State,	90 61
" 16,	U. S. bounty from the State,	96 00
1875, Jan. 1,	Interest on School fund note,	24 00
Feb. 28,	Rec'd of E. P. Kimball for use of hay scales,	24 35
	Interest on taxes in 1874,	66
		\$10,214 42

CONTRA.

Outstanding taxes in the hands of Edmund Bemis, Collector, 1874,	\$993 27
School fund note,	400 00
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	730 98
By payment of 172 orders of the Selectmen,	8079 30
Outstanding taxes in the hands of C. H. Gove,	10 87
	<hr/> \$10,214 42

ASSETS OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1875.

Cash in the Town Treasury,	\$730 98
Outstanding taxes in the hands of Edmund Bemis in 1874,	993 27
Due from United States,	\$1,386 00
Furniture used by Mrs. Putney,	20 00
Value of hay scales,	315 00
Town meadow,	10 00
Value of town derrick,	250 00
Due from Standley & Gates for use of derrick,	100 00
Two thousand feet bridge plank,	32 00
Balance due for use of Town Hall, remaining in G. W. Randall's hands,	25 81
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	\$3,863 06
Outstanding taxes in the hands of C. H. Gove,	10 87
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	\$3,873 93

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1875.

Cheshire Provident Institution, note and interest,	\$505 30
Maria Wheeler's note,	865 54
Ruth Haskell, note and interest,	507 54
Sarah Haskell, " "	416 80
Thomas Wright, " "	209 06
" " " "	103 43
" " " "	723 33
Edmund Bemis, guardian, note and interest,	329 61
Alton Blodget, " "	2,112 16
Lucy Harris, " "	298 46
Nancy B. Wheeler, " "	100 00
Polly Amidon, " "	102 92
School fund, note,	400 00
Keene Five Cent Savings Bank, note and interest,	809 33
" " " "	505 83
" " " "	809 33
The above note was not accounted for in 1874.	
Monadnock Savings Bank, Jaffrey, note and interest,	2,023 47
Due School Dist. No. 5, not expended in 1868-69-70-74,	63 54
Town officers' bills by estimation for 1874,	300 00
Due Edmund Bemis, for collecting taxes in 1874,	50 00
Due B. F. For sheep killed by dogs,	8 00
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Total liabilities,	\$11,243 65

Total liabilities,	\$11,243 65
Assets subtracted,	3,873 98

Indebtedness March 1, 1875,	\$7,369 72
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. N. WATSON,	{	<i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Troy.</i>
ALVA S. CLARK.		
GEORGE W. RANDALL,		

The above statements have been examined and compared with the vouchers and found correct.

EDWIN BUTTRICK, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To the Selectmen of Troy :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the pleasure to report to the town, that the Fire Department is in excellent condition, its entire apparatus is in as good condition as ever before, and the company well organized and filled with efficient and reliable men, who have at all times promptly responded to the calls for their services, which have occurred only two times during the past year: 1st, at the Gulf bridge on the Cheshire Railroad; 2d, at the dry house of E. Buttrick & Co., for which I desire to express my thanks to the officers and members of the fire company, also to the citizens of the town, and to my associate engineers, for the kindness and respect shown me, and the persevering efforts they have manifested in extinguishing fire and saving property whenever they have been called on.

A good and efficient sled for transporting the engine in winter is necessary, and it is recommended the town procure one.

The town have built one reservoir the past year in the north part of the village, which is thought will be of value in case of fire in that part of the village. The necessity of supplying the cistern near the Town Hall with running water, is deemed necessary.

The expenses of the Fire Department for the current year will appear in the financial report of the town.

EDWIN BUTTRICK, *Chief Engineer.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS: In presenting our report of the schools, we would not be unmindful of that providential care which, while there has been much sickness in town, has not permitted but one death to occur among the committee, teachers, and pupils, during the year.

The schools generally have been well instructed, and, with few exceptions, prosperous; but the success would be greater if parents would become more interested in the thorough education of their children, so as to give to both committee and teachers their continuous co-operation.

We think that the town, before long, will be obliged to be re-districted, at least, to some extent.

In No. 5, there is but one family containing three children now, which could not be accommodated in other districts, where the scholars could have more and better advantages than they now have.

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

We would still recommend the system of free school books, as in the report of 1874, viz: the town purchasing all the books at the lowest publishing prices, and loaning them to the pupils. Wherever it has been adopted, it seems to give universal satisfaction, because it saves half of the expense, or more, and the scholars are better supplied.

SCHOOL NO. 1. —Mr. D. C. Fassett, Prudential Committee. In this school there were three terms, all taught by Miss Cora F. Lombard of Swanzey, who had taught before, in the town, with good success. At the commencement of the Summer Term, there was a slight appearance of insubordination manifested by some of the male pupils, which, however,

soon passed away, and for the rest of the term there was good order maintained, and at the closing examination it was evident that the term, which was ten weeks, was a successful one.

The Fall Term was for scholars under ten years of age, and was characterized by good order and progress. But the Winter Term of twelve weeks, was somewhat a failure, as the teacher has noted in her register. This was owing to various causes, the insubordination of some of the scholars, the lack of interest which the parents manifested in the school, and the teacher's losing her interest in the scholars, and therefore, her hold upon them.

SCHOOL No. 2. — Mr. Asa Dort, Prudential Committee. The Summer Term of ten weeks, and the Winter Term of twelve, were under the tuition of Mrs. Louisa B. Wright. Under her wise management and thorough teaching, the school has made a good showing for the year, and put on a more scholarly appearance, in every respect, which is exceedingly gratifying. The district would do well to secure her services another year. But the teacher would be still more successful if the parents would manifest all that interest that they should in the prosperity of the school, as suggested by the teacher.

SCHOOL No. 3. — Mr. Edmund Bemis, Prudential Committee. The Summer Term of seven weeks, was taught by Miss Irene L. Harrington of Marlborough. Miss Harrington, who is a good scholar, applied herself closely to the work of instruction, but her pupils did not second her efforts by close application to study, and therefore, at the close of the term, there was not that apparent improvement that there ought to have been. There evidently was a great lack of earnest effort among the scholars.

The Winter Term of nine weeks, was under the charge of Miss Annie M. Woodruff of Jaffrey, a teacher of considerable experience. She began her school by assiduously applying herself to her duties as teacher, and soon succeeded in infusing her own spirit into her pupils, which changed, in a good degree, the character of the school for the better, so that at the

close, it was very obvious that good progress had been made.

SCHOOL No. 4. — Mr. Thomas Tolman, Prudential Committee. In this school there were two terms, one in the Summer, of eight weeks, and a Winter Term of ten, both taught by Miss Betsey R. Stanley, an experienced teacher, who had taught two terms before, in this district, as well as other schools in town. The scholars under her instruction, (although there was some insubordination at one time), made very good progress in all their studies, especially those in Colburn's Arithmetic.

SCHOOL No. 5. — Mr. Daniel J. Fife, Prudential Committee. The Summer Term of seven weeks was under the teaching of Miss Alice B. Barnard, who, although young, has the elements of a good teacher. The school under her care began to put on a new aspect for the better, the scholars becoming more studious and critical in their studies; and although the term was but seven weeks, yet the improvement at the close was very evident.

The Winter Term of nine weeks, was taught by Miss N. Abbie Alexander. This was her first attempt at teaching, yet, with a love for her work, and diligent application to her duties, she comparatively succeeded well in furthering her scholars in their studies; but the average attendance was not as high as it ought to have been.

SCHOOL No. 6. — Mr. Charles D. Clark, Prudential Committee. In this district there was but one term of twelve and three-fifths weeks, taught by Miss Jenny Newton, who is always unsparing in her efforts to teach, mild yet good in government, and thorough in her instruction. The parents, too, are all interested in the education of their children, and the scholars all are ambitious to excel in their studies. Such being the case, at the closing examination the pupils showed more advancement, according to their advantages, than any other common school in town, and this has been the case for the last few years.

HIGH SCHOOL.

There have been two terms of High School, one in the Spring, the other in the Fall, of ten weeks each, taught by Mrs. Louisa

B. Wright, who has had the care of the school a number of years past.

The school has never had a more successful year, in every respect. There were fifty-three different scholars in the Spring Term, and the average attendance was forty-five plus, and in the Fall Term there were fifty-eight pupils, with an average attendance of forty-eight plus. The tuition for both terms amounted to four hundred and seventeen dollars, which has more than paid the expenses of the school.

STATISTICS OF SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR 1874.

NUMBER OF DISTRICT.	1.	F. T.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
Whole No. of pupils,	64	40	44	21	27	8	13
Average attendance,	54	33	36	18	22	7	12
Males,	24	17	23	12	14	4	14
Females,	40	23	24	9	13	4	9
Length of school in weeks,	10	10	10	7	8	7	12
Wages of teacher per month,	\$40	\$32	\$40	\$29	\$28	\$24	\$25
Absence of pupils in days,	480	247	383	134	188	11	14
Tardiness,	16	0	8	13	0	4	7
No. of pupils not absent half a day,	13	11	8	0	7	5	6
No. not tardy,	52	40	36	15	27	4	10
No. dismissals,	34	7	0	0	3	1	1
No. visits by citizens,	61	28	47	13	17	2	21
No. of visits by S. S. Committee,	4	3	4	1	2	1	3
No. of visits by Prud. Com,	1	0	1	1	1	0	2

STATISTICS OF WINTER SCHOOLS FOR 1874-5.

NUMBER OF DISTRICT,	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Whole No. of pupils,	42	45	21	23	9
Average attendance,	33	34	20	18	5
Males,	22	23	12	14	4
Females,	20	22	9	9	5
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	9	10	9
Wages of teacher per month,	\$48	\$48	\$33	\$30	\$20
Absence of pupils in days,	515	596	316	223	145
Tardiness,	0	8	5	7	5
No. of pupils not absent half a day,	1	3	9	6	0
No. not tardy,	42	37	17	20	4
No. dismissals,	21	0	4	5	1
No. visits by citizens,	46	31	24	19	9
No. visits by S. S. Committee,	3	3	1	3	1
No. visits by Prud. Committee,	1	0	1	1	0

LEONARD FARRAR, } Supt. School
J. S. HERRICK, } Committee.

